

Truman Young Fellowship

Since 1983, the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law has been proud to offer the Truman R. Young Jr. Prosecutorial Fellowship each year to a noteworthy student who demonstrates a strong interest in pursuing a career in criminal prosecution. The thirty fellows that have benefited from this program over the years have proven to be shining examples of an earnest commitment to prosecution.

Of the thirty fellows selected over the past 31 years, nearly all have worked in criminal prosecution. In a recent survey of past recipients, twenty-two of the twenty-five former fellows (88%) we located were currently, or had been, criminal prosecutors. Additionally, one recent graduate who just became licensed also plans to become a prosecutor. More than half of our fellows remain in prosecution (or hold a judicial position). These include positions in the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Arizona Attorney General's Office, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, as well as city and county attorney positions in Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Our past fellows include such noteworthy individuals as Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Paul McMurdie, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Susanna Pineda, and Maricopa County Attorney William Montgomery.

Fellows contacted unanimously agree that their experience as a Truman Young Fellow was an unparalleled learning opportunity and career enhancer. As examples of what the fellowship has meant to individual recipients, we have attached a number of biographies and quotes from our past fellows. The current applicants for this fellowship appear to be equally keen to participate in the fellowship and pursue their desire to practice in the area of prosecution. The fellowship has clearly made a lasting impact on more than a generation of Arizona State University | Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law graduates, and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future.

As one past fellow put it:

"Receiving the Truman Young Fellowship Award was the highlight of my legal education. The Fellowship provided me with many opportunities and opened many doors for me. It was truly an honor bestowed on me for which I have always been grateful."

~ Michael Wales
1990-1991 Truman Young Fellow
Former Maricopa County Prosecutor